

THE BEGINNING OF THE END.

A Mammeth Square of Rifles Surrounding the Indians.

BROOKE AND CARR ON OPPOSITE SIDES.

Pathetic Scenes Witnessed by the Scouts—Live Indian Infants Found Beside Their Mothers' Dead Bodies.

PINE RIDGE AGENCY, S. D., (via Rushville, Neb.) Jan. 1.—(Special Telegram to The Press.)—General Brooke and staff, together with the Eighth company of the Second Infantry and all the Ninth cavalry that have been here, started into the field at 11 o'clock this morning, via the Oelrichs road to Beaver creek, eighteen miles almost due west of this agency. From there they will swing out into a long line, practically, thus forming the western and part of the northern side of a battle square, which it now seems it has been decided to form about the hostiles.

Carr's command has arrived at Wounded Knee, near the point where the battle took place, which is six miles east of Porcupine Butte, or about sixteen miles northeast of the Wounded Knee postoffice. Thus it seems that Carr's command is to constitute the east and north sides of the square.

From the expression upon the faces of the officers and men, as they pulled out through the snow and bitter cold, it was evident that they didn't relish General Miles' order that came like the sharp crack of a whip.

Three companies of the First Infantry from San Francisco have already arrived and six more are expected tonight to replace the Second.

A scout came in this morning and reported that the main body of the hostiles had moved back twelve miles from the agency and toward the bad lands on the north. Another arrived this afternoon and reported the reds indulging in a wild war dance only eight miles from here, and shouting forth the hope that the soldiers would come and fight them.

General Carr is rushing through a plan whereby he will give the treacherous, bloody horde a fight that will be their last. This side of the phantom hunting grounds, these devils have just one and only one alternative now, either to lay down their arms or be shot down carrying them.

The sun of the last day of peace parleying with them sank upon the bloody field of Wounded Knee. Their killed numbered but more than a hundred then, but will be swelled to thousands as the moon rises, if they do not manage themselves into the very dust of shame for their present attitude.

Impetuous at a distance from here cannot appreciate the feeling, the unalterable determination that has taken possession of those representing the government here regarding this situation. A party of Indian scouts today visited the scene of Monday's battle, and found nine Indians who were wounded in the fight alive. Two of them had been taken to a log hut near by, and were being cared for by a squaw that had remained behind the other seven, all of whom were found lying in gullies remote from the battlefield, having survived the blizzard without attention of any kind. Two were huddled, and the other three were squaws. There was scarcely enough life left in any of the seven to pay the scouts for bringing them in, but they did so, and they are now with the others in the Episcopal church.

In addition to the nine adults found, two tiny Indian babies, neither of them over three months old, were found alive, each beside the dead body of its mother. They were well wrapped up, but how they survived the fearful weather of the last forty-eight hours seems a mystery. The little innocents were of course brought to the agency and found friends in the wives of some of the Indian scouts.

Of the thirty-five wounded Indians brought off after the battle, nearly all of whom were squaws and children, not a few have yet died, and many of them are badly mangled with bullets.

The rear guard of the party of charity doing scouts that went out on their search for wounded Indians was forced to exchange several shots with some roving hostiles, who seemed to think the former had no business to do any acts of kindness.

For the benefit of the few people who may feel the immediate seeking to attach some blame to the military for not caring for those wounded Indians sooner, I will say that, after the battle, the Indian scouts did go over the field and picked up all the disabled hostiles they could find, before the troops were compelled to hurry in here and protect the agency from the uprising that occurred, as previously described in my dispatches. Since then they have been busy every moment procuring a message here to spend time doing deeds of kindness.

The Indian scout that fell at Wounded Knee was given a military burial this afternoon by his comrades under the command of Lieutenant Taylor, Rev. Mr. Cook presiding.

The snow storm that has been raging for twenty-four hours has ceased. The weather is warmer, and as a result the high tension of the military has relaxed, and the devils which was allowed to relax during the day of the elements has relaxed. Captain Catley of company C, Second Infantry, did not accompany his regiment into the field this morning, owing to his health.

The death of Captain Mills promotes First Lieutenant Larsen to the captaincy.

None of the wounded soldiers are any worse tonight and most of them are a little better.

C. H. CHESSEY.

ORDERS FOR THE MILITIA.

Governor Thayer instructs them to be ready at all times.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 1.—Governor Thayer today sent telegraphic instructions to the commander of the state militia at Long Pine to move at once to Chadron, the scene of the threatened Indian outbreak. Orders were also given to commanders at Fremont, Central City and Tekamah to be prepared to start at any time.

A Wild Rumor.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Secretary of War Proctor was interviewed today regarding the rumor from the Indian agency at Pine Ridge that General Brooke had been relieved. The secretary said he knew nothing about it and did not credit the report. From what could be learned through other sources there appeared little reason for believing the report to have any foundation.

The Natural Order.

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—Nothing has been heard at headquarters, department of the Missouri, regarding the report: "General Brooke has been relieved." Captain Higgins discredited the report, saying it was the natural order of events that General Miles, being the superior officer, should on his arrival at Pine Ridge assume command.

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Kansas City Officials Indicted.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 1.—The grand jury empaneled for the purpose of investigating the charge of bribery against members of the city council, found indictments against Fred M. Hayes, speaker of the lower house; Dennis Bows, member of the lower house, and Louis K. Hays, member of the lower house, for accepting a bribe. The indictment against Hayes is for offering to give a bribe.

A Peculiar Death.

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Leonard Jerome Sinking.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—(New York Herald Cable-Special to The Press.)—In spite of reports to the contrary Lady Randolph Churchill is not ill, but in good health. Leonard Jerome is in a bad way. The report given me tonight was: "Mr. Jerome is gradually sinking."

Dublin's Lord Mayor Installed.

DUBLIN, Jan. 1.—Lord Mayor Meade was installed amid a scene of considerable excitement. Sexton and Healy were hissed by the crowd and the presence and speech of Parnell's name was cheered to the echo.

Four Killed, Four Fatally Injured.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Jan. 1.—By the premature discharge of a blast in a railroad cut, four men were killed and four fatally injured. All were Hungarian laborers.

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